

12. (Amended) A database management device according to claim 6, which comprising:  
searching order management means for setting the searching order of the following data in front  
of the data corresponding to the following data.

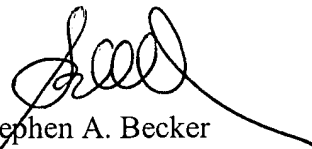
13. (Amended) A database management device according to claim 6, which further  
comprising: searching frequency monitoring means for monitoring the searching frequency of  
the following data and the data corresponding to the following data; and the searching order  
management means changes the searching orders of the specific data and the following data  
according to the searching frequency.

REMARKS

The above-referenced application is amended to delete the multiple dependency of claims 10,12 and 13 to avoid the multiple dependent claim filing fee. Attached is a marked-up version of the claims as amended. Entry of this preliminary amendment is respectfully requested.

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